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Re: Mead Cattle Company LLC Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

The letter is in response to the letter dated May 20, 2021 from **Ex. 4 CBI** corporate counsel for **Ex. 4 CBI** **Ex. 4 CBI** and **Ex. 4 CBI** Assistant General Counsel for **Ex. 4 CBI** regarding Mead Cattle Company LLC ("Mead Cattle"). Over the recent weeks the seed companies have demanded that Mead Cattle, or the potential buyer of Mead Cattle, give up property for use of the seed companies to erect large storage tanks for the storage of lagoon water from the AltEn, LLC ("AltEn") ethanol plant. We believe nearby farmers have also been asked to give up their farmland land for the placement of these supersized water tanks, and have said no.

The seed companies are trying to interfere with this Conditional use Permit transfer and sale for their own benefit, which would be to force Mead Cattle or others to allow these supersized tanks to be placed on the property to hold water from the AltEn ethanol plant lagoons.

There is no evidence cited of any actual contamination on the feedlot, nor has any action been threatened by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy ("NDEE") against the feedlot. In fact, recent tests taken at the direction of the Saunders County Board of Supervisors you received from Andy Scholting of Nutrient Advisors show that there isn't any contamination at the feedlot.

I will try and set the record straight:


- Mead Cattle Company LLC is operated separately from that of the ethanol plant.

- The AltEn ethanol plant and the feedlot are not operated in “tandem” as alleged by the seed companies.
- I have been Manager of the Mead Cattle Company since 1999, and I can tell you the feedlot operates separately from the ethanol plant.
- The employees of Mead Cattle are not employees of the plant and vice versa.
- Any lagoons in which feedlot manure is located are physically not connected to the lagoons operated by the ethanol plant that contain water that comes from ethanol plant.
- The digestors on the ethanol plant property referenced by the seed companies have not received manure from the feedlot since 2016. Furthermore, the digesters are owned and operated by the ethanol plant, and the feedlot will not and cannot deliver manure to the plant until the matters between the NDEE and the plant are resolved.
- The operation of the feedlot has nothing to do with the seed companies’ deliveries of treated seed to the ethanol plant or the ethanol plant’s use of the seed.

If the seed companies want to locate supersized tanks for purposes of storing the ethanol plant lagoon water, there are sufficient acres available at the ethanol plant to accommodate more tanks. The seed companies just need to remove the distiller grains or move it around at the ethanol plant to open up areas at the plant to make room for the tanks.

We would ask the Saunders County Board of Supervisors and the Village of Mead Board of Trustees to disregard the letter from the seed companies.

Very truly yours,



Buck Wehrbein, Manager
Mead Cattle Company LLC